



# SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING OF June 8, 2022

### 1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

#### 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Patterson called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to follow.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

- A. Directors Present: Directors Campbell, Harmon (*Via Teleconference*), Parker and Patterson
- B. Directors Absent: Director Pisciotta
- C. Fire District Staff: Chief Whittle, Battalion Chief McNeil and Admin Services Manager Walton

### 2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

None

### 3. Agenda Amendments (GC §54954.2) – Discussion/Action

None

### 4. Consent Calendar

#### 4.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022

#### 4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 in the Amount of:

<u>Payroll and Benefits:</u>	\$ 461,914.92
<u>General Fund:</u>	\$ 440,331.22
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>	\$ 0.00
<u>SCHMIT:</u>	\$ 141,318.19
<u>TOTAL:</u>	\$1,043,564.33

#### 4.3 Approve Resolution 2022-6: Resolution Accepting and Allocating Unanticipated Revenue

#### 4.4 Authorize Payment to CalPERS in the amount of \$1,011,158, for the Safety Plan's Unfunded Liability Annual Lump Sum Prepayment Option to be Paid After July 1, 2022, for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

**On motion of Director Parker seconded by Director Campbell to Approve Items 4.1 through 4.4 on the Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Campbell, Harmon, Parker and Patterson  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Pisciotta  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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**5. Discussion Items**

**5.1 SCHMIT Program**

Chief Whittle reviewed the SCHMIT program. In 1988, the County entered into a MOU with the County's four incorporated cities and UCSC for hazardous materials emergency response (Haz Mat Response) with services provided by the Watsonville City Fire Department Haz Mat Team (Watsonville). Concurrently, the SVFPD began training Haz Mat Techs and formed a team. In 1993, Senate Bill 1082 passed and six existing hazardous material/waste inspection programs were consolidated into the CUPA program. With SB1082, the inspection workload and funding shifted from the SVFPD and Watsonville to the County. With the shift in funding, the SVFPD and Watsonville were forced to limit services to outside jurisdictions. In May 2000, directed by the County Board of Supervisors, Environmental Health presented a report with various recommendations to continue to provide Haz Mat Response. In June 2000, the Board directed HAS to work with OES, the County Fire Chiefs' Association and the four cities to develop a MOU for Haz Mat Response capabilities and the necessary proportionate funding for implementation. In 2001, the Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team (SCHMIT) was formed and the SVFPD was selected to provide administrative and financial coordination for SCHMIT. The original funding model was determined by population proportionate multiplier with a fixed amount for UCSC and State Parks. Currently the SVFPD has 8 Haz Mat Techs who are paid a differential of 5% of their monthly base pay not to exceed \$475 per month. The SVFPD is reimbursed \$5,000 per Tech for a total of \$40,000 but the actual personnel cost is \$8,054 per Tech, which is a net cost to the SVFPD in the amount of \$24,432.38 annually. The actual personnel cost to the participating agencies range from \$7,500 to \$8,736 per Tech. In summary, the budget increases have not kept up with the rising costs to the contract agencies nor has a reserve fund been established for equipment and major apparatus maintenance. To account for actual cost, the budget would need to be increased by at least 50%, which may be difficult to increase this fiscal year since the preliminary budget has already been approved. The recommendation is to meet with the County and City Managers to discuss funding increases or contracting with a neighboring agency to provide Haz Mat Response. The SVFPD also has the options to terminate the MOU with a 30 day written notice.

The Board discussed the SCHMIT program and supported Chief Whittle moving forward to meet with the County and City Managers to discuss increasing the budget or other options to provide Haz Mat Response.

**6. Action Items – Discussion/Action**

**6.1 None**

**7. Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion**

(No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Board at this time.)

**7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors**

Present Patterson stated that Director Pisciotta attended the Station Design Conference in Chicago with BC McNeil.

BC McNeil stated that he attended 15 presentations at the Station Design Conference, which was enlightening. In addition, they met with a California Architect to review the original La Madrona plans, which do not meet building standards for essential services or current building codes and will need to be redone.

President Patterson stated that Facility Committee will meet next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

**7.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers**

The Administrative Report was included in the board packet and Chief Whittle reported on the following:

- The Type 1 Engine proposal has been received. The prepaid cost is \$804,368 or \$846,000 paid at delivery in 24-26 month. I spoke with the County Treasurer regarding investment options but in the end, we will save the most by prepaying. The Type 1 Engine will be included in the 2022/2023 Final Budget.
- The Bauer compressor will not be delivered until after July and re-budgeted for next fiscal year. In August, the Board will approve the final budget and payment for the Bauer Compressor.
- With the passing of past Board Director Rudy Cabigas, our prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

**8. Correspondence – Information**

**8.1 Incident Thank You Email**

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The Board received and filed the correspondence.

**9. Closed Session: Government Code §54957.7**

9.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators: Government Code §54957.6  
Agency Designated Representatives: Joe Parker and Robert Campbell  
Employee Organization: IAFF Local 3577

At 6:41 p.m., Board President Patterson announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purposes listed above.

**10. Open Session – Discussion/Action**

10.1 Report on Closed Session: Government Code §54957.1

At 7:05 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session. President Patterson reported that the Board reviewed the revised MOU.

10.2 Approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Scotts Valley Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 3577 for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025

**On motion of Director Campbell seconded by Director Parker to Approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Scotts Valley Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 3577 for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYES: Campbell, Harmon, Parker and Patterson**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Pisciotta**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

10.3 Adopt Revised Publicly Available Pay Schedule per Government Code §20636

**On motion of Director Parker seconded by Director Campbell to Adopt the Revised Publicly Available Pay Schedule per Government Code §20636 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYES: Campbell, Harmon, Parker and Patterson**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Pisciotta**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

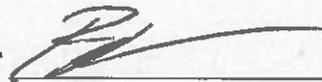
**11. Request for Future Agenda Items**

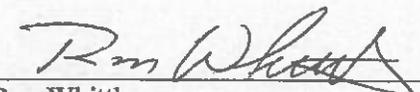
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**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Russ Patterson  
Board President

  
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Ron Whittle  
Board Secretary